

ONE PRIEST'S SIGNATURE.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST THE REV.  
BEREND FATHER CARO.

**A Clergyman Giving a Check on a Bank Where he has no Funds—Sneaking the Receipt for the Check from Another Man.**  
Correspondence of The Sun.  
**COLD SPRING, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Father**

The allegation against the reverend gentleman is that when he presided over the Cold Spring parish, he hired one Kennedy to fill in a lot for him, the contract price being \$300.

When the work was completed, Father Caro gave Henneay his check on the Highland National Bank, Newburgh, for the amount. The check Henneay handed over to one Purdy in payment of a debt, taking Purdy's receipt for the same. The latter presented the check at the counter of the Highland Bank and was informed that Father Caro had no money in that institution.

Purdy immediately returned to Cold Spring and had an interview with the reverend father, who looked at the check and said, "Oh, I see now what the trouble is; you see I have three signatures—one is my clerical signature, another my deposit signature, and another my real estate signature."

signature. I've put the wrong signature to the check; let me have it."

Mr. Purdy refused to give up the check until the receipt he had given Hennessy for it was placed securely in his hands.

Subsequently to this, as Hennessy alleges, Father Caro employed William Conroy to procure the check at any cost or sacrifice. Conroy is a desperate, daring character, who, it will be readily remembered, was indicted with John H. ...

Mr. Trumplour, the murderer, was a Cayenne pepper thief, the victim a black-bill bank robber. The two men had been matched after the Cayenne pepper thief had stolen a safe containing thousands of bank funds, and in his vain endeavor to escape, shot and murdered the man who undertook to prevent his escape. Both Conroy and Trumplour are serving terms in State Prison.

Conroy is a cute thief; and in the performance of the work for which Father Caro employed him, he was very successful. He had made several attempts he was unsuccessful; but at last he manoeuvred the thing so that the victory was won and the murder was safely placed on the shoulders of the Reverend CARO.

**HOW THE CHECK WAS SECURED.**

This is the way it was accomplished: Jimmy Hennessy, the holder of the receipt for the Cayenne pepper, was called by Father Caro to the

One bright summer evening, Mr. Hennessy was invited by Caro to call at his residence. This Mr. Hennessy did. On his arrival all was complete. Caro, shortly after Conroy made his appearance. For some time Mr. Hennessy and Caro conversed, and then, as if by happy host's convivality, suddenly the matter of the check and the receipt was bronched. Caro and Conroy both tantalized and bantered the poor old man, and he, in a nervous dither, until they forced him to exclaim:

"I wish I had the receipt; it's home, and I'll call for it." Mr. Hennessy thereupon went home after the receipt, and when he returned he drew it from his pocket, saying to Caro and Conroy:

"Here it is. As he held it up in front of him Father Caro advanced, and in an instant

HENNESSY'S SUIT AGAINST FATHER CARO.

Hennessy has now brought suit against Father Caro for \$3 per month and wages for money due him as wages. He was in the employ of Father Caro from the 15th of September, 1894, to the 15th of October, 1895, under an agreement with Father Caro to work for \$3 per month and clothing, under which agreement he worked from the 15th of September, 1894, to the 15th of October, 1895, and during that time the plaintiff's attorney claims he can show that the neighbors of the defendant were told that he was in the employ of Father Caro.

of doing to keep him comfortable. He desires to recover this part of his wages, which he has been unable to do so far. His lawyer keeps him counsel for Father Caro, and E. J. Owen of Cold Spring for Hennessy. Counsellor Owen has been unsuccessful in getting the referee. Counsellor Owen has made several attempts to get Father Caro to appear before the referee at Cold Spring. In every case he has been unsuccessful, and the hearing has been deferred. Father Caro wants to go to Cold Spring, his former parish, where he is insured by the insurance company. The referee or two cases he has pleaded sickness as the cause of his absence. Counsellor Owen says that he has seen Father Caro several times; he appeared in Newburgh in the full bloom of health.

MR. HENNESSY'S TESTIMONY.

Mr. Charles L. McHenry's direct examination was as follows:

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### Explosion and Fire in Philadelphia.

A barrel of carbonite exploding set fire to F. Reed & Co.'s shoe factory on North Third street. Windows were blown out and the fire spread to the roof. \$20,000. Mr. Reed, a carpenter from a late city window and was slightly injured. The fire was quickly turned out by William Hays, fireman, who was injured. It took 100 men and 100 horses to remove the debris. The loss was \$20,000. The cause was a barrel of carbonite exploding. The loss was \$20,000.

### Tramway Operations in Trenton.

TRENTON, Feb. 13. Reeditions were adapted in the face of the city to the payment of state bonds. The city of Trenton has been authorized by the legislature to issue \$1,000,000 of bonds to pay for the purchase of the city of Trenton. The city of Trenton has been authorized by the legislature to issue \$1,000,000 of bonds to pay for the purchase of the city of Trenton. The city of Trenton has been authorized by the legislature to issue \$1,000,000 of bonds to pay for the purchase of the city of Trenton.

**Return of the Smith Invalids from Toronto.**  
James M. Sweeney and Hugh Smith, who have been in the city for some time, have returned in two years, and appearing before the Senate committee, gave bill in \$1,000 each, for the Island, of 117 East Big North Street, becoming Mr. Sweeney surety, and dearest Snyin the surety of Hugh Smith.

**Texas Making a Move on Mexico.**  
MATAMOROS, Mexico, Feb. 13. A party of Texans under Juan Munoz, have crossed into Guerrero, and through Alar. They are operating in the interior of Juarez.